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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN D. PERKEY AND
THERESA M. PERKEY,

Plaintiffs

v.

RELIABLE CARRIERS, INC.,
DANIEL JOSEPH BEMBEN,
AND KENT,


Defendants

CIVIL NO. 1:00-CV-1639

(Magistrate Judge Smyser)

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AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

Pursuant to a case management conference held on
March 21, 2002, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Additional Parties. Additional parties shall be
added on or before **July 1, 2002**.

2. Amended Pleadings. The final date for amendments
to the pleadings is **July 1, 2002**.

3. Expert Reports. The deadline for filing expert
reports is **December 15, 2002**.

4. Discovery Deadline. All discovery shall be planned and commenced so as to be completed by **November 30, 2002.**

The maximum number of depositions per side shall be ten (10); the maximum number of interrogatories per side shall be forty (40); the maximum number of document production requests per side shall be thirty (30); and the maximum number of requests for admissions per side shall be twenty-five (25).

5. Dispositive Motions. Any dispositive motion shall be filed, as well as the supporting brief, on or before **January 15, 2003.**

6. Motions in Limine. No motions in limine shall be filed after **February 3, 2003** without leave of court, a supporting brief and a proposal for a briefing schedule that will permit the party opposing the motion to fully and fairly address the issues presented and will permit the court to fully consider and decide the motion.

7. Settlement Conference and Pretrial Conference.

(a) At least ten days prior to the date scheduled for the final pretrial conference, counsel for the parties shall hold the attorneys' conference required by Local Rule 16.3. An attorney who has not entered an appearance as of the date of the LR 16.3(b) conference of attorneys, or who does not attend the LR 16.3(b) conference of attorneys, may not serve as trial counsel, unless good cause is shown to warrant an exception.

(b) This conference shall be face-to-face unless the court, upon written request, approves another arrangement. Failure of the plaintiffs to initiate the holding of the conference or of the defendants to respond to such initiative in an appropriate manner may result in the imposition of sanctions, including possible dismissal of the action.

(c) Each party shall file a pretrial memorandum in conformity with the Rules of Court, M.D.Pa. Failure to timely file pretrial memoranda will result in an appropriate sanction. Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(f). Counsel shall submit as an attachment to their pretrial memoranda a list of any proposed voir dire questions they intend to ask, or have the court ask, during voir dire.

(d) A final pretrial conference and settlement conference shall be held on **March 20, 2003**, in Chambers, Room 1110, Eleventh Floor, Federal Building, Third and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The time of the conference will be set by an Order to be entered on or about February 3, 2003. Counsel who will try the case shall attend the pretrial conference unless the court, upon written request, approves the substitution of another attorney who is fully familiar with the case and has the settlement authority required by Local Rule 16.2. A copy of the local rules may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court by writing: Clerk of Court, Federal Building, P.O. Box 983, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108-0983. The local rules are also available on the Middle District's website: <http://www.pamd.uscourts.gov>. At the pretrial conference, counsel for the plaintiffs shall be required to set forth the elements of the particular type of claim (or claims) being made. Counsel for the defendants shall be required to identify any legal defenses they expect to make. It should be noted that the court expects to hold counsel for both sides to the claims and defenses they outline here unless good cause is shown for allowing additional legal theories, claims and/or defenses in sufficient time to consider and evaluate them before trial. Settlement will also be discussed at the

pretrial conference. A separate settlement conference will be set upon the request of a party.

8. Trial. Trial shall begin with jury selection at 9:30 a.m., on April 7, 2003, in Courtroom No. 5, Eleventh Floor, Federal Building, Third and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Jury selection in this case will follow jury selections in Civil Nos. 1:02-CV-0132, 1:02-CV-0256, 1:01-CV-2110, 1:02-CV-0712, 1:99-CV-0606, 1:02-CV-0352, 1:02-CV-0368, 1:02-CV-0302 and 1:02-CV-0828. The trial in this case will follow the trials in these cases.

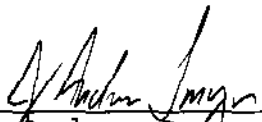
Counsel shall file proposed jury instructions in conformity with Local Rule 51. If the parties intend to use depositions at trial in place of live testimony, they shall review the depositions prior to the time of trial. If there are objections which cannot be resolved among counsel, said objections and copies of the relevant depositions shall be submitted to the court at least fifteen (15) days prior to trial. Where counsel have failed to meet the time requirement in this paragraph, the court may, in its discretion, deem the objections withdrawn. If the depositions to be used are videotaped, a transcript must be provided to the court in advance of trial. Videotape equipment shall be set up in the

courtroom prior to the commencement of trial in the morning, if its use is anticipated in the morning, or during the lunch break, if its use is anticipated in the afternoon. Whenever any civil action scheduled for jury trial is settled or otherwise disposed of in advance of the actual trial, jurors' costs, including mileage and per diem, shall be assessed equally against the parties unless the Clerk's Office at the place the trial is to be held is notified of the settlement in sufficient time to permit the Clerk to advise the jurors that their attendance will not be necessary. Notice to such Clerk's Office before 2:00 p.m. on the last business day preceding the day on which the trial of the action is to start shall be adequate for such purpose.

9. Case Management Track. This case is on the complex track.

The court will, in the absence of good cause, adhere to the schedule hereby established. Continuances of trial and extensions of the discovery period will be granted only when good cause arises and application is timely made. Good cause

shall be found only when new circumstances have occurred that could not reasonably have been anticipated and that are of an extraordinary nature.



J. Andrew Smyser
Magistrate Judge

Dated: September 25, 2002.